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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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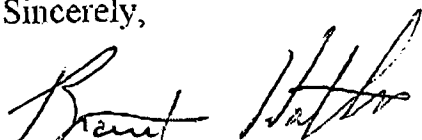
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you in support of Microsoft and the settlement you have reached. I think that the settlement is reasonable to both parties and answers many of the problems that Microsoft's competitors had without putting too much of a strain on Microsoft. Microsoft will, for example, not adhere to a uniform price list when licensing Windows out to the 20 largest computer makers in the United States.

I'm glad to see this since Microsoft is such an important part of our economy and most American's daily lives. Many people and small businesses depend on their products for various aspects of their lives and it's nice to see that they can continue to do so.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to hear my opinion on this matter and I hope that you will take it into account, along with others who feel the same, regarding the settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brant Hatler".

Brant Hatler